

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/300,959

Applicant(s)
Zanetti

Examiner
Anne Marie Wehbé

Art Unit
1632

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Anne Marie Wehbé

(3) Dr. Zanetti (by Conferance Call)

(2) Deborah Cadena

(4) _____

Date of Interview Apr 2, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No. If yes, brief description:
print outs of power point slide presentation

Claim(s) discussed: 3, 4, 18-21, 29, 31, 32, and 34-37

Identification of prior art discussed:
Hurpin et al. and Banerji et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Dr. Zanetti provided a detailed discussion of certain aspects of his invention accompanied by a powerpoint slide presentation in paper form. In particular, Dr. Zanetti provided evidence for ex vivo transfection of splenic or peripheral blood B cells with plasmids in the absence of transfection facilitating agents. Dr. Zanetti also provided evidence for i.v. administration of the transfected B cells resulting in immune responses. Post-filing evidence was also discussed regarding direct intranodal injection of plasmid DNA. The examiner suggested amending the claims to separate the ex vivo and in vivo methods. The examiner also suggested making the evidence and paper by Maloy of record.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

**ANNE MARIE WEHBÉ
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 1632**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required